



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

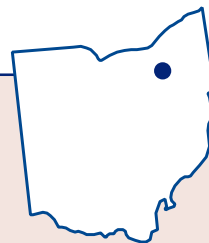
Cuyahoga County, OH

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Cuyahoga County was selected to receive an assessment grant. Cuyahoga County (population 1,400,000) encompasses 58 suburban communities. The urban core of the county is the City of Cleveland and its neighboring inner-ring suburbs. The county has a long history of heavy industrial activity. Like many large mid-western cities, the industrial base of the county's economy has declined dramatically. A recent study estimated that over 4,500 acres of brownfields in the county have little or no real property value. These properties are concentrated primarily within the county's urban core, where they are barriers to economic development. The City of Cleveland has a poverty rate of 26 percent and the City of East Cleveland has a poverty rate of 32 percent. The area also



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Cuyahoga County for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances funds will be used to complete 8-12 Phase I site assessments and 6-8 Phase II assessments of sites contaminated with hazardous substances throughout the City of Cleveland and neighboring suburbs. Petroleum funding will be used to complete 8-12 Phase I site assessments and 10-12 Phase II assessments at sites contaminated with petroleum. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Cuyahoga County has received funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

has been plagued by crime, fragmented land ownership, and unstructured land uses. The Cuyahoga County Brownfield Redevelopment Fund and Program have been established to promote redevelopment of brownfields within the county.